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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE PRIORITY
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SUBJECT: MAPS

1. IF NO OBJECTION IS PERCEIVED, THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT MR. JULIAN GLENWOOD GIBBS, GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALIST FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR FOR MAPS AND PUBLICATIONS (INR/MP) UNDERTAKE A SIX-WEEK MAP PROCUREMENT AND REPORTING MISSION TO BOTSWANA, SUDAN AND ZAMBIA BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT JULY 8 AND RETURNING TO WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 21. HE WILL ARRIVE IN LUSAKA ON JULY 10, GABORONE ON JULY 30, TRANSIT NAIROBI AUGUST 11-13, ARRIVE
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KHARTOUM AUGUST 14 AND TRANSITATHENS AUGUST 20-21. THE LAST VISIT OT THE THREE COUNTRIES WAS IN MID-1976.

2. THIS MISSION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN CONFORMANCE WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MANUAL, VOLUME 11, SECTION 441, "CARTOGRAPHIC AND GEOGRAPHIC REPORTING, MAP ACQUISITION, AND PUBLICATIONS PROCUREMENT PROGRAM." THE PURPOSE OF

THIS PROGRAM IS TO INSURE THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT MAPPING AGENCIES RECEIVE COPIES OF FOREIGN MAPS ACCORDING TO THEIR STATED NEEDS, AND TO OBTAIN CURRENT INFORMATION ON CARTOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY AND ACTIVITIES. MR. GIBBS WILL COORDINATE HIS PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE MAP AND PUBLICATIONS

OFFICER. HIS WORK WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO MANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, COMMERCIAL CONCERNS, AND INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES. HE WILL DISCUSS MAPPING PLANS, PROGRAMS AND TECHNIQUES WITH VARIOUS OFFICIALS, AND WILL PREPARE REPORTS ON THE MAJOR MAPPING AGENCIES.

3. IN LUSAKA MR. GIBBS PLANS TO VISIT ABOUT 30 MAP SOURCES INCLUDING THE CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE, LAND-USE SERVICES DIVISION, ROADS BRANCH, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CARTOGRAPHIC AND LOCATION ANALYSIS RESEARCH UNIT (NCSR), UNIVERSITY GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT, THE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, AND SEVERAL OIL COMPANIES AND BOOKSTORES. IN KITWE AND NDOLA HE WILL VISIT SIMILAR OFFICES. THE DEPARTMENT HAS MAINTAINED AN INFORMAL MAP EXCHANGE WITH THE SURVEY DEPARTMENT FOR 14 YEARS AND IT AND THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE CONTACTS ON PREVIOUS VISITS BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR FOR MAPS.

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SOME ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE EMBASSY TO MAKE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS IN LUSAKA. REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL BE MADE IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM UPON APPROVAL OF THE VISIT BY THE EMBASSY.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE DEFENSE ATTACHE IN KHARTOUM BE NOTIFIED OF MR. GIBBS' VISIT IN ORDER THAT APPROPRIATE COORDINATION IS ASSURED. VANCE

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